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LAPD Officer Pleads to Insurance Fraud

A nearly 20-year LAPD veteran officer pleaded guilty today to insurance fraud and agreed to resign from the force and repay the city \$1,280, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ralph Mendoza, 44, also agreed to complete 200 hours of community service before he returns for sentencing on Sept. 16 before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David Horowitz, said Deputy District Attorney Arunas Sodonis with the Healthcare Fraud Division.

Mendoza pleaded guilty to altering the date on a doctor's June 2012 return to work slip.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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